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Exchange of Delegations to the USSR

1. Exchanges of delegations between the USSR and the U.S. seem possible and beneficial in the following areas:

a. Mapping and charting, including large scale topographic mapping, aeronautical and hydrographic charting, with our prime interest being an examination of the accomplishments and program of the GUGK - Chief Administration, Geodesy and Cartography, and the VTU - Military Topographic Administration. A number of subsidiary mapping organizations under each of these prime outfits would also yield valuable information.

b. Photographic Interpretation to include U.S. visits to Aero-Geodetic establishments, the Military Engineering Academy, the Officers Surveying and Mapping School in Leningrad, the Moscow and Novosibirsk Institute of Engineers of Geodesy, Photogrammetry, and Cartography, and the Institute of Land Utilization in Moscow. In addition, visits could be made to a number of training institutes where techniques, machine and instrument application to photo interpretation and photogrammetry is made and training methods and materials have been developed. A thorough survey of the application of photographic interpretation to research would undoubtedly take a delegation into work on land reclamation, power development, city planning, geology and soils.

c. The interest of the Russians in city planning suggests an exchange of delegations in this field which could, if the right cities were included in the U.S. tour, be very profitable.

d. Land reclamation activities would provide an excellent vehicle for examination of wide areas in the in the Soviet Union.

e. Power development and land management activities.

f. Geological research and exploration which would provide an opportunity for examination of the application of Soviet geological research and field exploration to the further development of economic capabilities within certain regions of the USSR.

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g. Soils research and mapping would provide an opportunity for examination of the scientific work in this field to agricultural development and other land planning activities within the Soviet Union.

h. An exchange between geographical societies of the Soviet Union and U.S. might be beneficial in developing a better understanding in the work and influence of the All Union Geographical Society and its several hundred affiliates. This exchange with the All Union Geographical Society might be conducted through the National Geographical Society and the American Geographical Society of New York.

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